

EXHIBIT A

WHAT IS GRC?

GRC MISSION STATEMENT

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In support of this mission statement, the GRC Board of Trustees is committed to:

Providing a service to the research and development community in the biological, chemical or physical sciences through the organization and support of scientific conferences. Each Gordon Research Conference has a recurring thematic topic and strives to be the overall best meeting in its field. A conference program may extend to related subjects in areas such as industrial technology, the environmental sciences, geology, medicine, computation, science education, and public policy.

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intense discussion and examination of the most advanced aspects of their field. These Conferences provide a valuable means of disseminating information and ideas in a way that cannot be achieved through the usual channels of communication - publications and presentations at large scientific meetings.

ADMISSION QUALIFICATIONS

Each Conference operates relatively autonomously with each Conference Chair being completely responsible for the content and conduct of the meeting as well as the selection of discussion leaders and attendees. The primary criteria for attendance at a Conference are scientific accomplishment and, implicitly, the commitment to participate actively and meaningfully in the discussions. Gordon Research Conferences admits scientifically-qualified conferees of any sex, age, race, color and national origin.

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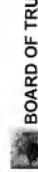
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A brief history of the Conferences.



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GRC CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The GRC Constitution and Bylaws.



GRC STRATEGIC PLAN

The Organization's major goals for the next three years.



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